

**SENATE EMPLOYMENT, WORKPLACE RELATIONS AND EDUCATION
LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**

**2003-2004 SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING
6 NOVEMBER**

EMPLOYMENT AND WORKPLACE RELATIONS PORTFOLIO

QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Outcome 1: An effectively functioning labour market

Output Group 1.2: Labour Market Programme Management and Delivery

Output 1.2.1: Information, Referral and Support Services

Question Number: W278-04

Question:

Senator Webber asked in writing

The Annual Report also states that the technology platform – Employment Assistant 3000 was delivered on time and on budget.

- (a) What was the final budget? (Annual Report States - \$205.822m.)
- (b) Can the 205 million expenditure be broken down?
- (c) What was the total for Software Development?
- (d) The total for Contractors as part of the project?
- (e) Can you itemise the 205 million?
- (f) Does the figure include departmental staff time?

Answer:

- (a) \$20.9 million. The figure of \$205.822 million reported on page 56 of the Annual Report is the total price for output 1.2.1, of which ESC3 IT facilities are only one component.
- (b) See (a) above. The \$205.8 million is the price of output 1.2.1, and a breakdown of the price of the output is not available.
- (c) The capital costs for software development and related infrastructure for ESC3 IT facilities was \$10.3 million.
- (d) \$7.3 million for contractors for both capital costs (see (c)) and for expenses (see (a)), as determined in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards.
- (e) See (b) above.
- (f) Yes.